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- a. Certain work has been suspended because individual construction parts are still lacking. Forty kw generators have not been delivered, so the main engines cannot be installed and the attendant pipelines cannot be seen. 180 steel bar is lacking for the rudder quadrant and 120 steel bar ST 60.11 for the bevel wheel axiometer leads. In addition, no deck machinery is available.
- b. A special commissioner of VEB Volkswerft Ernst Thaelmann, Brandenburg, has been appointed to obtain the deck machinery (net-winch, winches, and capstans) from VEB Clement-Gottwald-Werke (formerly VVB Abus) Schwerin. Discussions are currently taking place with the HV Abus and the Reparations Office. The section for supplies is struggling to get the 120 and 180 round material. Bonus contracts and competitions have been drawn up between the Reparations Office and the Schwerin plant to insure delivery.

2. 46 13 31 Steel Cutter

- a. Because of the shortage of special labor forces, there have been breakdowns at the preparatory dockyards of VEB Schiffswerft Fuerstenberg (Oder) and VEB Schiffswerft Oderberg. There are delays in the delivery of the ships because of incomplete documentation.
- b. Additional shipbuilding workers could be made available from the dockyards of Rothersee and Rosslau. Two calkers have been transferred Rosslau which has disposed of the bottle neck caused by the lack of four calkers. The labor section of the HV has been commissioned to provide the remainder of the missing special workers. To insure

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punctual documentation, two officials of the freight control sections of the dockyard have been made personally responsible for punctual documentation.

3. 46 13 230 Freighter up to 3000 BRT

- a. Nondelivery and completion of the steam dynamos, boiler installation, and the main engines present special difficulties in the completion of these vessels.
- b. Through the personal intervention of the HV Schiffbau, cooperation section, and FL, in cooperation with the Schwermaschinenbau Karl Liebknecht, Magdeburg, a better timetable for the work will be prepared. A dispatcher (specialist engineer) has been sent from VEB Schiffswerft Neptun, Rostock, to the Karl Liebknecht plant to supervise the work.

4. 46 13 530 River Passenger Ships

- a. VEB Warnowwerft Warnemuende
 - (1) Delays in the work are caused by the shortage of hydronalium, tin plate, and all deck machinery from VEB Clement-Gottwald-Werk, Schwerin. Also the 600 kg. auxiliary boiler, special light metal workers, and carpenters are lacking.
 - (2) Special commissioners have been appointed for the deck auxiliary machinery at VEB Clement-Gottwald-Werke, Schwerin, with the Reparations Office. Also appointed were special commissioners for electric engines to the VEB Elektromotorenwerk Wernigerode with HV Schiffbau and Reparations Office, as well as the Ministry for General Machinery Construction. Labor is to be supplied through HV.
- b. VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, Wismar
 - (1) The 50-ton floating crane supplied by the Naval Vopo has neither the right height nor the unloading facilities for installing the main engine parts of the KALININGRAD, or the turbines for LENSOWIET, and the auxiliary shafts for the MOZHAISKI. There is particular difficulty at the moment in finding 100 electricians, 100 carpenters, and 30 tin plate welders.
 - (2) Two special commissioners of the HV have been appointed in Wismar to organize, as necessary, the administration for the fulfillment of the plan. Efforts are being made to avoid disagreement among Warnowwerft, Mathias-Thesen-Werft, and Schiffswerft Neptun on the subject of the use of the 20-ton floating crane available at Warnowwerft. According to a decision of 25 September 1953, approximately 664 workmen must be transferred to Wismar. The Labor Office of the HV and the Ministry of Labor have been commissioned to make the necessary labor available.
- c. VEB Staatswerft Rostensee
 - (1) No date for the delivery of the safety glass, which is imported, has been given. The thrust block 51316 from the DHZ Halle for the shafting is still not available. The passenger ship 1009 lacks 18 tons of 2 mm. tin plate.
 - (2) The supply section of the HV Schiffbau is trying to import the safety glass via the DIA and to obtain the missing tin plate.

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5. 31 91 220 Shipbuilding Repairs (Reparations)

a. VEB Warnowwerft, Warnemuende, SOVIETSKI SOYUZ

- (1) The overhauled and refitted fittings for the whole boiler installation must be renewed. No guarantee can be given for those fitted at the moment. One hundred forty-five folding cots are still needed for the first and second class cabins. The necessary skilled labor force is not available in a sufficient quantity.
- (2) On 14 October a meeting was held in the Hohenfurt, among representatives of the HV Schiffbau, the Reparations Office, and the dockyard on the subject of the fittings to be produced. The problem of the required 145 folding cots was disposed of by Koll. Speede at the EKM Halberstadt. Planning and supply questions were solved on that time. To guarantee the direction of the program, as well as to provide the necessary administration for its fulfillment, two special commissioners of the HV Schiffbau were appointed.

b. VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, MOZHAISKI

- (1) Special difficulties in the completion of the work on this vessel include: extensive finishing and additional work, such as re-bricking of the fireboxes of the boilers; procurement of the condenser pipes; the chain wheel on the winch must be changed and recast; the capstan must be fixed and tested by 10 November; and as a result of the last test of the capstan, an additional 24 swivelblocks are needed.
- (2) The first partial delivery of the fire bricks will arrive on 20 October, the remainder of the delivery on 26 October, and reserve bricks will be delivered up to 10 December. Condenser tubes have been guaranteed by imports and are already on the way to Wismar. KEB Rosslau is preparing new drawings for the chain wheel. The new drawing was sent by courier to Warnemuende for approval on 10 November (?). The Ministry for Heavy Machinery Construction, Research and Development Section, has been informed. Forgings for the swivelblocks are to be delivered by 30 October. Special commissioners for the accomplishment of the remaining work have not yet arrived.

6. VEB Schiffswerft Neptun, Rostock, REFRIGERATOR

On 13, 14, and 15 October refrigeration tests with 10 and 20 cwt. of fish were made in the dockyard. A trial run followed on 16 October. The vessel is to be delivered on 31 October 1953.

7. 46 13 400 VEB Elbwerft Boizenburg, Deep Freeze Ship

The delivery of the prototype refrigeration ship has not been possible because the alterations were not completed on schedule.

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